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GERMANY PROPOSES PEACE

PEACE TERMS INCLUDE RETURN TO TERRITORY STATUS BEFORE WAR

Poland and Lithuania to be independent Kingdoms, Some Balkan Readjustment and the Evacuation of Northern France and Belgium.

TIME THOUGHT TO BE RIPE

Central Powers Now in Favorable Military Position—Winter Will Necessitate a Three Months' Lull—Desire to Smoke Out Allies.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—A German embassy official said the peace terms included the restoration of the territorial status existing before the war, the establishment of the independent Kingdoms of Poland and Lithuania, and some readjustment of the Balkan international boundaries. Bulgaria wants the restoration of the territory lost in the second Balkan war. Germany offers to evacuate northern France and Belgium and partially restore Serbia and Roumania, provided the allies return the lost colonies.

The United Press informant said the following factors had caused the proposal. The central powers are now in a favorable military position. Winter will necessitate a three month lull. They desire to smoke out the allies and ascertain their exact objectives. They desire to convince the world that Germany is not fighting a war of conquest. They desire to show the world that Germany is not responsible for further bloodshed. The official said the terms were not necessarily Germany's final proposition.

"An important question to ascertain is whether the allies are willing to talk peace. Germany makes the proposal to ascertain whether either side should stop fighting before a knockout is scored."

Bernstorff expected to see Lansing and thoroughly discuss the whole matter. It is believed Bernstorff may seek an audience with President Wilson. It is not believed Gerard had any definite ideas of Germany's proposals when he left Berlin. Diplomatic circles thought the Roumanian victories and the British and French cabinet crises had convinced Germany the time was opportune.

It is predicted a peace conference may be held in Bern or the Hague.

GERMANY'S PEACE PROPOSALS MADE WHILE UNBEATEN

Teutons Occupy Probably the Highest Point They Will Reach—Would Be Greatly to Advantage to Secure Peace Now.

(By J. W. T. Mason. Written for the United Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Germany's peace proposals are made when her armies are on the offensive in the newest battle area, and the western front is again deadlocked. Germany wants peace with the Teutonic troops occupying the enemy territory on practically every front.

Germany's position is not a beaten one. The Teutons occupy probably the highest position they'll reach. They have a clear road in Asia Minor, halting every movement to break the German defenses. It would be greatly to Germany's advantage to get peace now.

Nevertheless, Germany's main power losses are constantly greater. The British government has just under gone reconstruction for the purpose of fighting harder. France is evolving greater efficiency schemes.

German militarists feel the war's future developments cannot bring better prospects.

Germany must make large concessions to secure peace now. Whatever terms Hollweg's first announcement include may be altered during the negotiations. The most important fact of Germany's attitude is the definite statement of tentative terms, as a starting point for future elaborations and possible settlement.

WHEAT DOWN 4c IN PORTLAND

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Wheat took a drop here today. December opened at \$1.58, climbed to \$1.59, dropped as low as \$1.53 1/2 and closed at \$1.54. May opened at \$1.74 which was high for the day, fell to \$1.64 and closed at \$1.65 3/4.

Portland Market. PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12.—Club is quoted at \$1.42 this afternoon and bluestem three cents higher.

BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE IS SILENT

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The British foreign office will make no statement until the German peace terms are officially known and all the allies are consulted. Lloyd George delivers his first speech as Premier Tuesday. The House of Commons session for fifteen minutes today.

Liberal Member Pringle attempted a flippant speech but was howled down.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The Evening Star declared the peace proposals were not likely to effect the war. It said: "Unless the central powers have found a sense of responsibility to God that causes the surrender of Constantinople and the restoration of Alsace Lorraine, the evacuation of occupied territories, and the making of due reparation the war will continue."

MEACHAM TIMBER LAND IS BOUGHT

Under the terms of a deal closed today, the Smythe-Lorenzan Co. of this city, becomes the owner of 123 acres of timber land within a short distance of Meacham. The land was secured of Mrs. Lyda McDonald, wife of George McDonald, and the consideration was between \$3000 and \$5000. On the land it is estimated there are from 12,000 to 14,000 cords of red fir, yellow pine and black pine. The new owners plan to cut several thousand cords of this at once to put upon the market.

MARKET BREAKS ON RECEIPT OF THE PEACE NEWS

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—An hour after the market opened May wheat dropped five points.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 12.—Wheat dropped four cents a few minutes after the peace proposal flash.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The stock market broke on the news of Germany's peace moves. United States steel went off two points. Crucible is also down.

BIG POTLATCH HELD AT INDIAN WEDDING

Isabel Craig, daughter of Joe Craig, becomes bride of Birdie French, Young Farmer of Yakima Reservation.

Celebrating the marriage of Isabel Craig, daughter of Joe Craig, well known Indian farmer, and Birdie French, a young Indian farmer of the Yakima reservation, a big potlatch and feast was held yesterday at the Craig home and there were many Yakima Indians as well as Indians from the Umatilla reservation present.

The wedding took place several weeks ago but the celebration awaited the arrival of the bridegroom's relatives and friends from Toppenish. A big wedding feast was held at 11 o'clock and at the potlatch there was a general exchange of presents, some of them valued at several hundred dollars. The parents of the young couple each contributed generously to the newlyweds. The custom is an ancient Indian one and, though Craig is one of the most enlightened Indians on the reservation, he believes in retaining the best of the old customs and traditions of his people.

It will be remembered that Craig's daughter several months ago purchased a Buick automobile, thus becoming the first Indian girl to own her own car. Her husband is a grand nephew of S. G. Waters, an Indian minister of the M. E. church at Toppenish. Waters and William Dick, another Yakima Indian, returned home this afternoon.

WIFE DIVORCES WILLIAM EARL DODGE



NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Jessie Sloane Dodge, a prominent society matron and distinguished tennis player, is divorced from her husband, William Earl Dodge, today. The suit was brought in Saratoga Springs, N. Y., where she has a summer residence, but word reached her friends in this city before the divorce was announced in Saratoga. Mrs. Dodge was the daughter of Henry T. Sloans, the wealthy carpet manufacturer. Her husband is noted as an amateur aviator.

U. S. IS UNCERTAIN YET AS TO MANNER IN WHICH GERMANY WANTS OFFERS TRANSMITTED

Proposals May Ask That U. S. Act Simply as Messenger or They May Request Comment—Lansing Refuses Statement But Shows Great Happiness.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—If Germany's peace proposals indicate the kaiser merely wishes the United States to act as a messenger transmitting them, the government plans to pass them along without comment. If the note indicates the United States must study the proposal before acting, the administration must study the proposal before acting. This does not mean the United States would not transmit the proposals under the second plan.

These facts an official revealed at the state department after Lansing read the United Press dispatches. Lansing's only statement was "I know nothing about it. I have nothing to say."

He refused to indicate whether the news was surprising, but his manner indicated that the German news was the happiest word he had heard in several months.

MAYOR BEST MUST HAVE TRIAL BEFORE PARKES

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The supreme court today affirmed Circuit Judge Phelps' ruling in the case of J. A. Best appellant, vs. Joe H. Parkes, Justice of the Peace, respondent, appealed from Umatilla county.

The above dispatch means that Mayor Best will have to stand trial on a charge of violation of the state vagrancy statute before Justice of the Peace Parkes.

Following his arrest on a warrant sworn to by Arthur Gibson and charging him with using profane, indecent and obscene language in the Oregon theater, Mayor Best asked for a change of venue on the grounds that Magistrate Parkes was prejudiced against him because of his (Best's) failure to appoint him city recorder. Judge Parkes refused to grant the change of venue and thereupon attorneys for the mayor brought action before Judge Phelps to mandamus the Justice of the Peace in granting the change of venue. Judge Phelps ruled against the mayor, and it is this ruling that is upheld by the supreme court.

BERLIN, via Sayville, Dec. 12.—The press bureau announced that Hollweg told the Reichstag "Germany and her allies, conscious of their responsibility before God, before their own nation and humanity, proposed this morning to the hostile powers to enter peace negotiations." A crowded house and thronged galleries listened. Hollweg outlined the extraordinary political situation, and reviewed the German victories. He said the Somme Roumanian and Italian offensives had been frustrated. Hindenburg had captured sufficient stores of grain, victuals and oil.

WOULD ENTER NEGOTIATIONS IMMEDIATELY

Chancellor Hollweg Calls Diplomatic Representatives of Neutral Countries and Presents Notes to be Handed to Belligerents; Believes Propositions are Appropriate For Lasting Peace

BERLIN, via Sayville, Dec. 12.—Chancellor Hollweg called diplomatic representatives of the United States, Spain and Switzerland and handed them notes proposing peace negotiations be entered forthwith. The full text of the note will be read at the Reichstag today.

The Chancellor asked the neutrals which represent Germany and her allies to bring these proposals to the attention of Germany's enemies. Germany believes the propositions are appropriate for the establishment of lasting peace.

The Vienna, Constantinople and Sofia governments transmitted identical notes. The same text was also sent the Vatican and all other neutrals.

The official press bureau addressed the following to the neutral countries: "The Chancellor this morning received representatives of the United States, Spain and Switzerland, one after another and transmitted a note wherein the four allied Germany powers propose to enter forthwith peace negotiations."

By handing the notes to representatives of the United States, Spain and Switzerland, Germany has really transmitted directly to the enemy nations. This is the only possible course of diplomatic interchange between the central powers and the allies.

American, Spanish and Swiss diplomatic representatives will forward the notes to their respective capitals. The foreign offices will then transmit the text to the ambassadors and the ambassadors will hand to the entente allies. They will formally deliver the notes to the belligerent governments.

The same procedure will be followed in sending formal replies. Britain will hand the note to the American, Spanish and Swiss ministers. These will be transmitted to their respective capitals and thence sent to Germany.

IRRIGATION DISTRICT TO BE DISORGANIZED

As soon as all accounts are paid from the funds derived from the new assessment, the Paradise Irrigation District will be disorganized, according to information coming from farmers within the district.

A settlement was reached last week between representatives of the district and George Goodnight and C. F. H. Vollendorf who represent the disorganization of the district. The injunction which was issued last April restraining the district officers from selling bonds or transacting other business has been modified to permit the levying of an assessment against the district lands to pay all bills so far incurred.

Under the compromise arrangement a levy of 27 cents an acre has been made and this money will be used to pay all accounts against the district, including the bills incurred by the plaintiff in the action brought.

THIRD RAIL LEAGUE IS NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 12.—After the election of Thomas J. Hickey to Minneapolis to succeed President Thomas M. Chivington of Chicago, the American association took action at the annual meeting here today which practically assures a series of inter-league games with the International league. The question of a third major league, as proposed to consist of four American association and four International league clubs, was discussed informally. President Hickey, who took the chair shortly after being elected, announced, but added that the magnates did not take the proposed league seriously.

NO LIUTENANT GOVERNOR, CALIFORNIA, FOR AYHLE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—California will be without a lieutenant governor after Governor Hiram W. Johnson, United States senator-elect, resigns the governorship, according to an official opinion of U. S. Webb, state attorney general published today.

RIVER ROAD ECHO TO PENDLETON LATEST

Agitation Gives Promise of Some Fruition—Would Provide Scenic Highway of Easy Grade.

A river road from Pendleton to Echo is the very latest road agitation in the county and one that gives promise of some fruition. Such a road would, it is urged by the chief advocates of the road, eliminate the notorious Echo-Pendleton stretch of bad road, would serve more people, be more scenic and would have an easier grade.

The present road from Pendleton to Echo goes up over the hill most of the way and is some distance from the river. However, there is already a fairly good road along the river from Echo as far as Youkum while at this end the county is building a good road from Pendleton to Reth. This would leave only the Youkum-Reth stretch yet to build.

Farmers living along the river who now must travel some distance to get to the county road, are said to be quite active in planning for the river road. They are willing to donate right-of-way through their property and to contribute the teams and men for building the road providing the county will bear the expense of bridging the river. An abundance of roads for crossing is to be had close at hand, it is pointed out.

One of the principal objections to the proposed road has been the difficulty in getting by the Parish reservoir. One of the principal proponents of the road states it will be possible to cross at the west end on the dam and at the east end on the railroad's old right of way, there being a good roadbed-clear across the reservoir. At Barnhart, it is said, the old roadbed of the O. W. R. & N. can be secured inasmuch as the company intends doing away with the present sidetracks which were formerly part of the main line.

The proposed route along the river would not be any longer than the present route, it is said, and would have the added advantage of being

HEALTH COMMISSIONER PROBES STORAGE EGGS



Dr. John D. Robertson of Chicago, health commissioner (right, holding egg), is conducting an investigation of the high cost of eggs. Dr. Robertson visited most of the Chicago cold storage plants, where it was stated that millions of eggs were being held for higher prices, and held beyond the time limit allowed by law. In the picture he is shown looking over the egg stock in a Chicago warehouse.

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